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SUBJ: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UNGA

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1. MESSAGE REF A TRANSMITTED TO KHMER AMB RANGOON, WHO SHARES OUR VIEW THAT GUB DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS IS FINAL. ON OTHER HAND, WE CAN SEE REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT BURMESE DELEGATION MIGHT BE PERSUADED VOTE WITH REGIONAL NEIGHBORS ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF PRIORITY.

2. SHORTLY AFTER OUR RECEIPT REF B, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT (PYI SOE) ALLUDED TO KHMER QUESTION AT UNGA. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL, THAT INITIAL VOTE ON ISSUE MIGHT BE PROCEDURAL,

AND INQUIRED WHETHER BURMESE DELEGATION HAS AUTHORITY DECIDE HOW TO VOTE ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO RANGOON. PYI SOE REPLIED YES, BUT THAT DELGATION WOULD BE EXPECTED EXPLAIN REASONS FOR ITS VOTE.

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3. AS SUGGESTED REF B, APPROACHES TO BURMESE DELEGATION NEW YORK

MAY THEREFORE BE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN ANY FURTHER APPROACHES HERE,
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF TIME ELEMENT AND FACT THAT FONMIN IS ENROUTE
NEW YORK. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO GET MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FROM
REGIONAL SOLIDARITY ARGUMENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT APPROACHES IN NEW
YORK BE UNDERTAKEN BY INDONESIANS AND/OR MALAYSIANS, PLUS KHMER
THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN BY USUN. ANY SOUTH ASIAN SUPPORT WHICH
CAN BE DRUMMED UP EITHER ON SUBSTANCE OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OR
ON PRIORITY QUESTION WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TALKING POINT WITH
BURMESE.
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